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Sir:

The Issue Fee for the above-identified application was paid on October 16, 2003. Applicant has not yet received the Original Letters Patent for this application.

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